

**SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETING
FOR THE CORRECTIONS OFFICER RETIREMENT PLAN LOCAL BOARD
FOR THE SUPERIOR COURT**

A Public Meeting of the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan Local Board for the Superior Court was convened, Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., in Conference Room 228, Arizona Supreme Court Building, 1501 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Present at the meeting were the following individuals:

Jim Bruner, Chair	Michael Anthony, Attorney
Kevin Kluge, Board Member	Lu McLendon, Secretary
Mark Smalley, Board Member	AVTranz, Court Reporter
Jason Hathcock, Board Member	

Absent: Phil Hanley, Board Member

Also Present: Disability Applicant #09-04
Disability Applicant #10-01
Richard Tozer, La Paz Chief Probation Officer

Call to Order - Local Board Chair, Jim Bruner, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at the Arizona Supreme Court Building, 1501 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Approval of Minutes

- a. February 25, 2010 Ex Session Meeting Minutes (AV Tranz)
- b. February 25, 2010 Public & Ex Session Meeting Minutes (Summary)

The Chair called for any corrections or additions to the minutes.

MOTION: A motion for approval of the February 25, 2010 Public and Executive Meeting Minutes and Public and Executive Meeting Summary was made by J. Hathcock. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously minutes stand approved. **CORP 2010-13**

III. Disability Benefits – *The Local Board may vote to go into Executive Session for discussion of medical documentation and to receive legal advice for the following Disability applications pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431 (A) (2 & 3).*

Mr. Anthony indicated a need to hold an executive session.

MOTION: A motion to go into executive session was made by J. Hathcock. Motion was seconded and passes unanimously. **CORP 2010-14**

a. 09-04 – Application for Ordinary Disability Retirement benefits

After a review of the Independent Medical Evaluation submitted by Dr. Ira Ehrlich, Arizona Cardiology Group, Board Member Kluge stated that the medical report or related documents did not show a pre-existing condition. Also, member, Jason Hathcock, pointed out that the application was submitted in a timely matter and the medical examination showed no preexisting conditions related to the case. As a result, the Board determined that the medical condition met the criteria of and Ordinary Disability Retirement under the CORP Statutes.

MOTION: A motion was made by K. Kluge to approve payment of benefits for applicant 09-04 for Ordinary Disability. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. **CORP 2010-15**

b. 09-05 – Independent Medical Evaluation (IME)

Chairman Bruner clarified that the case code was incorrect and should be changed from 09-05 to 10-01. The request was properly agendized and met all requirements. Because the Board did not receive information until just prior to the meeting, he suggested that action be postponed to the next meeting date in order to provide adequate time for a full review of the information.

Applicant #10-01 expressed concern about the postponement confirmed although her last day of work was December 9, 2009, she has not received a letter of termination. She also, stated that her short-term disability benefits have run out.

Because the next scheduled meeting is in May, the Board agreed to schedule a special meeting in April.

Board Member Kluge requested that a review of previously approved Ordinary Disabilities and discussion regarding possibly ordering updated IMEs be placed on the next regular meeting agenda. Secretary McLendon will report back to the Board whether it is time for the agreed upon yearly review.

MOTION: A motion was made by M. Smalley to table action on case 10-01 to the next regular meeting. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. **CORP 2010-16**

IV. Approval of Normal Retirement – *The Local Board may consider and vote on the approval for Normal Retirement benefits for the following (14) applications or defer decision to a later date.*

- a. Vicki Biro
- b. Maryanne Boyden (revised calculation)

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- c. Jeffry Goff
- d. Michael Goss (DROP)
- e. Julia M. Harkins
- f. Alan A. Henry
- g. Mark Herman
- h. Christopher Moore
- i. Joseph Munley
- j. Ricky L. Nelson
- k. Kathleen Tomaiko
- l. Mary Tripson (DROP)
- m. Billye D. Tucker
- n. Jon D. Wiley (DROP)

Board Member Hathcock brought to the Board's attention that the CORP Statutes state that payment of benefits are to be approved by the Board and asked if this was to applied to the Reverse DROP Lump Sum payment. Mr. Anthony explained that because of the complexities of the calculations and the desire to have a uniform method, the fund manager's office administratively provides the final numbers to the Boards. Secretary McLendon offered to bring the awards letters to the next meeting so the Board can approve the lump sum. Kevin Kluge as that this be put on a future agenda for discussion

It was noted that the survivor amount was absent from the form C11 for one of the applicants. Secretary McLendon said she would inquire with Public Safety as to why the surviving spouse benefit does not appear in the documents and report back to the Board.

Board Member Hathcock informed the Board that he would like to be provided with additional clarification regarding the calculation of Reverse DROP applications. Chair, advised Jason to contact Public Safety to further explain the system and provide a report at the next Board meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by J. Hathcock to approve payment of benefits for applications (a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, I, j, k, l, m. & n) for Normal Retirement Benefits. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. CORP 2010-17

V. Approval of Membership - *The Local Board may consider and vote on the approval of the following requests for membership or defer decision to a later date.*

- a. Alexander Bassiri 02/22/2010 (Coconino)
- b. Joe Bowen 03/15/2010 (Mohave)

Secretary McLendon noted that Alexander Bassiri has provided an updated medical exam indicating no preexisting conditions. She anticipates receiving records from Joe Bowen prior to the 30-day deadline.

MOTION: A motion was made by M. Smalley to approve membership for applicants (a & b). Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. CORP 2010-18

VI. GENERAL DISCUSSION

a. PSPRS Benefit Calculation audit

Secretary McLendon updated the board on the 80-point issue with calculation on the spreadsheet. Public Safety's investigation showed that only ten people were affected by the error. Two sample letters sent to applicants were included in the Board's packet. The letter to Maryann Borden explained that on January 28th there was an error with the retirement spreadsheet used to calculate normal retirement monthly pension amount and explains how her benefits would be adjusted and what her overpayment amount was. Letters to the other retirees did not identify any error to the spreadsheet, it indicated that an administrative review on 80-point retirement calculations found a benefits error. She felt that some responsibility issues could arise because the letters were different. It was the consensus of the Board that inquiries should be referred to Public Safety. Additionally, Lu noted that a new spreadsheet is being developed that will take care of calculation issues. Currently, Public Safety is manually inserting calculations into the spreadsheet.

Chairman Bruner noted that the next regular meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2010. In order to accommodate applicants 10-01's hearing the Board agreed to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, April 13th at 10:00 a.m.

VII. Call to Public

Mr. Richard Tozer, chief probation officer for LaPaz County, thanked the Board for the important work that they do.

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